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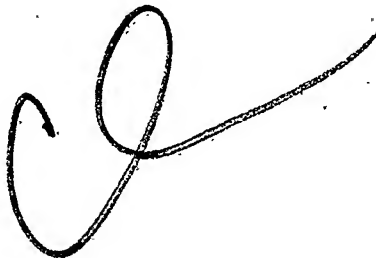
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Tower denies allegations on morals as his confirmation hearing wraps up

WASHINGTON (AP)—Defense Secretary-designate John Tower yesterday denied he had a drinking problem or would be hampered in his new job by previous ties with military contractors.

"I'm a man of some discipline," Tower told the Senate Armed Services Committee near the close of four days of testimony. The committee chairman, Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), said he expected the panel to vote today to recommend that the Senate confirm Tower's nomination.

The committee began yesterday with a closed session to discuss possible conflicts of interest involving Tower and to allow him to answer allegations made Tuesday by conservative activist Paul Weyrich that he had "on a number of occasions" seen Tower publicly inebriated and in the company of women other than his wife.

After the hearings, Tower said little to reporters, describing himself as "embargoed" until after confirmation.

"I feel like I am glad it is the end of the hearings," he said as he left the hall.

In open session, Nunn asked Tower whether he had a drinking problem.

"I have none," Tower replied. "It is essential that the secretary of defense be at all times capable of exercising the duties and responsibilities of his office, some of which are even more sensitive and more critical than the general public realizes."

"Therefore I think there should be zero toleration of anyone as secretary of defense or any other sensitive job in the Defense Department who has an alcohol problem," Tower said.

On the subject of women, Nunn asked Tower whether he would tolerate any sexual harassment in the Defense Department.

"I will answer again with the term 'zero-tolerance' for discrimination against women, the sexual harassment of women," Tower responded.

"I believe that professional women should be afforded the respect and the deference that they deserve. I believe they should be given equal opportunities for advancement. I will say that I do not believe women should serve in combat slots," he said.

Tower, who has been divorced twice, is now single. Nunn also read aloud a letter from the White House counsel, C. Boyden Gray, rebuffing a statement Tuesday by Weyrich that President Bush's transition team received hundreds of letters, including some by members of Congress, accusing Tower of moral laxity.

"To the best of my knowledge, no letters containing specific allegations of impropriety concerning Sen. Tower were received by either the transition office or the White House" since the election, Gray wrote.

Senators also asked Tower whether he would be influenced by the more than \$1 million he collected as a defense consultant. Tower, under intense questioning from Democrats Nunn, Carl Levin of Michigan and Albert Gore of Tennessee, repeatedly denied any conflict of interest.

Tower said the only decision from which he envisioned excluding himself was for a system called CFIN, or Combat Flight Inspection System, an Air Force electronics system manufactured by the LTV Corp. to allow aircraft to check on whether landing transmitters are working correctly. Tower said he had taken an active role in promoting CFIN in his work for LTV.

A number of senators, including Nunn, Malcolm Wallop (R-Mont.) and William Cohen (R-Maine), expressed chagrin that Weyrich had made his comments in public session, and

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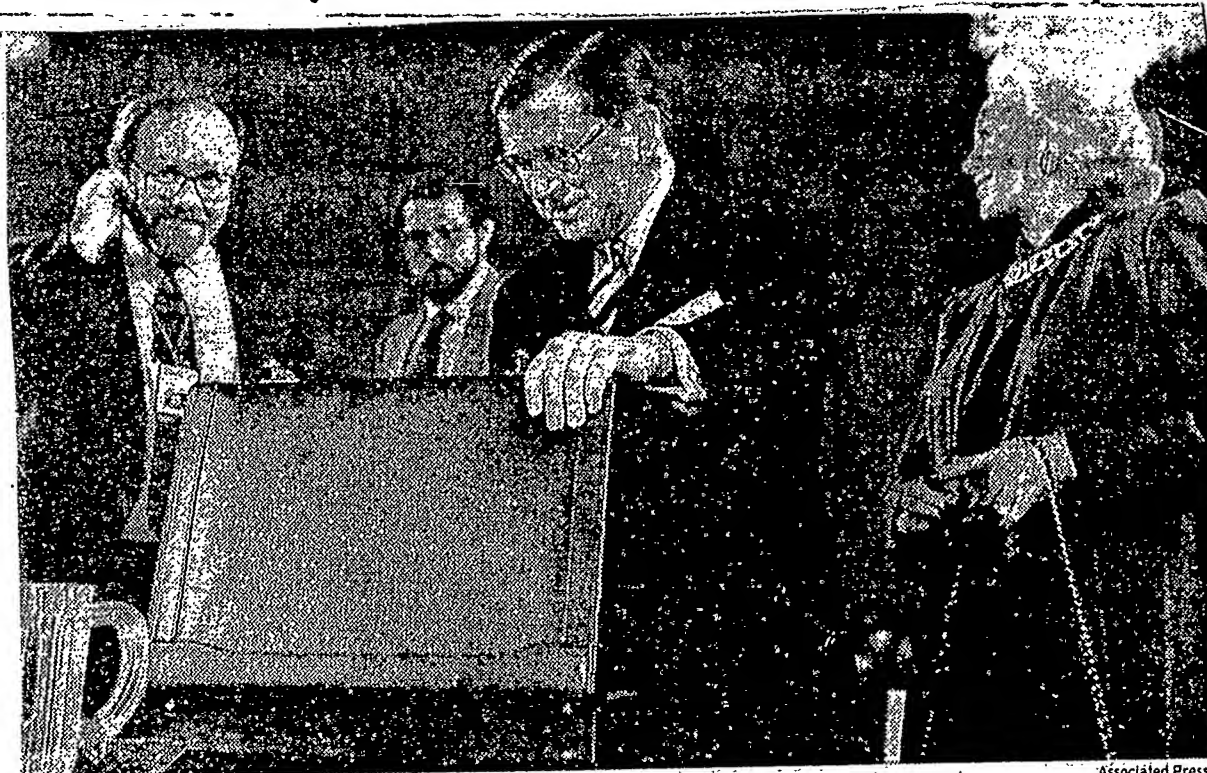
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Defense Secretary-designate John Tower packs his briefcase as he and a friend, Dorothy Heyser, prepare to leave the Senate Armed Services Committee room following confirmation hearing.

Nunn said that "a number of allegations prove to be wrong."

It is unusual for Cabinet nominees to be asked in open session about their personal lives. Although the hearings for Tower have lasted longer than those for other Bush nominees, the senators have treated him politely.

Tower, a 63-year-old Texas Republican, served 24 years in the Senate and was chairman of the Armed Services Committee from 1981-84.

He was dogged by allegations of drinking and womanizing before his nomination. In divorce papers filed two years ago by his second wife, Lilla Burt Cummings, Tower was accused of "marital misconduct."

Bush has defended Tower, saying an FBI background check found nothing that would prevent him from serving as defense secretary. When Bush announced the nomination he dismissed "a lot of rumors that proved to be groundless."

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New charge reported on Tower

WASHINGTON (AP)—The top Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee said yesterday a new allegation has surfaced against Defense Secretary-designate John Tower and an FBI investigation into the charges has not been completed.

Sen. John Warner (R-Va.) told an impromptu news conference that the new charge against Tower was reported to the FBI after President Bush met with Warner and Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), chairman of the committee, at the White House yesterday.

Warner said White House counsel C. Boyden Gray told him of the new charge but he was "not advised" of the specifics.

The statement by Warner capped a day of growing conflict within the Senate Armed Services Committee about the nomination of Tower, a former senator who has been plagued by allegations of womanizing and drinking problems.

No vote on whether to confirm Tower has been set by the panel and Warner indicated the latest allegation may further delay the process. He said the allegation should be investigated by the FBI "in an orderly way, at their own pace...."

Nunn's office issued a statement saying, "The FBI report has not been delivered to the committee.... I am informed it has not been completed."

Earlier, Nunn said he had lingering concerns about allegations against Tower, but GOP senators said a preliminary FBI report provides no grounds to disqualify Tower.

Nunn said he has "general concerns" and that, while they include the most recent allegations of drinking and womanizing, they are "not limited to them."

"As much pressure as there is, we ought to do something that is unusual in Washington, we ought to let the facts support the conclusions," Nunn said. "What we have to do this once is to let the time-honored procedures go forward."

Warner said he was briefed by the White House and, in turn, briefed the GOP members of the committee about the latest FBI inquiry into the allegations.

Warner said the preliminary report "provides, at the judgment of White House counsel, no basis on which senators could find the factual situation that would amount to any disqualification."

The allegations center on womanizing and drinking by the twice-divorced Tower, according to congressional sources. The committee last Thursday put off a vote on whether to recommend full Senate confirmation and asked the FBI to review the allegations.

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New rap on Tower is probed

By **RICHARD SISK**

News Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Sen. John Warner (R-Va.) said yesterday the White House had disclosed that a fresh charge has emerged against defense secretary-designate John Tower.

Shortly after the bombshell announcement, Sen. James Exon (D-Neb.), the No. 2 Democrat on the Armed Services Committee, said he had decided to oppose Tower's nomination and that he was certain other members of the panel would join him.

Warner, top Republican on

the committee, told reporters the FBI is investigating the new allegation.

The development came to light, Warner said, after President Bush yesterday met with Warner and Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), the committee chairman.

White House counsel Boyd Gray told Warner of the new charge, but the senator said he had not been apprised of any specifics.

The Chicago Tribune, quoting government sources, reported that the new charge relates to the FBI's investigation of alleged fraud in the Pentagon procurement process. Tower spent the last 2½ years as a defense consultant.

Warner spoke after GOP senators and the White House said there was nothing X-rated in a new FBI report on Tower, while Democrats indicated they still had reservations about the former Texas senator's nomination.

Before Warner's announcement, Nunn said he still had "general concerns" about Tower's fitness to run the Pentagon despite GOP assertions that the FBI background check had cleared Tower of charges that he drank heavily and chased women.

Tower has denied the allegations of womanizing and heavy boozing, and also said that the \$760,000 he earned as a consultant to defense contractors would have no influence on him as Pentagon chief.

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Tower Vote Put Off 2 Weeks;
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WASHINGTON (AP)—Senators said yesterday a first vote on John Tower's nomination as defense secretary will be delayed nearly two weeks while the FBI reviews allegations about his finances and drinking, but President Bush stood by him, denouncing "rumor and frenzied speculation."

"There are new allegations of a financial nature which are now being checked in the Tower nomination," said Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), the Armed Services Committee chairman. He told reporters he could not vote to confirm Tower until the latest charges were checked and said he had told Bush that.

Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) said new allegations linked Tower to the Pentagon procurement investigation, which has involved payments by defense contractors for classified information regarding lucrative military contracts.

"It has to do with this procurement scandal, the 'Ill Wind' thing," said McCain, using the Justice Department name for the investigation. "I... have no independent knowledge. But I am confident that is the case."

An administration official said the FBI background inquiry focused on contributions to one of Tower's Senate campaigns by a contractor under investigation in the Pentagon procurement fraud investigation.

But the official, speaking on condition of anonymity, emphasized that the FBI had found no evidence of wrongdoing by Tower and noted that politicians can't control who gives money to their campaigns.

Tower has denied trading secrets for cash. But Nunn and other senators have voiced concern whether Tower could avoid conflicts of interest in view of the more than \$1 million he received as a consultant for major defense contractors after ending a 24-year career in the Senate four years ago.

Bush told reporters at the White House he had seen no evidence causing him to lose confidence in his nominee.

"Have I seen anything, or has anything in the FBI report made me want to change my mind as



Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), top, tells reporters about new allegations that stand in the way of the confirmation of John Tower, lower left, as defense secretary. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), lower right, says the charges may stem from an investigation of military contracts.

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one who would be concerned about insobriety or about failure to be ready for duty 24 hours a day? The answer is, 'No, I have not.'

"If somebody has something other than rumor and frenzied speculation, please get it to the FBI or get it to the White House staff, or certainly get it to the committee in the Senate. But let us be fair enough that we do not deal in rumor after rumor," Bush said.

Meanwhile, White House counsel and chief ethics adviser C. Boyden Gray presented the FBI report.

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Bush cites 'frenzied speculation' as probers examine fiscal charges

"I told the President frankly that I have serious concerns, and I also stated that if a vote was held immediately as some have urged, I would vote no because of these concerns," Nunn told reporters.

The second-ranking Democrat on

the committee, Sen. James Exon of Nebraska, also said he could not vote in favor of Tower until the FBI completes its investigation.

The Senate majority leader, George Mitchell of Maine, said that all members of that body wanted to

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to Nunn and Sen. John Warner of Virginia, the Senate panel's ranking Republican. The White House said it was "standard practice" for the White House counsel's office to "carry such reports to the hill."

But it also appeared to be a move to appease Nunn, who on Tuesday had expressed irritation that the White House had briefed committee Republicans and not him.

Nunn and Warner met on Capitol

Hill with Gray for two hours to review the investigation into Tower's private life.

Gray told them a separate investigation into Tower's financial dealings would take another 10 days to complete, Nunn said.

After the meeting, Nunn went back to his office to meet with Tower, a session set up at Tower's request.

The administration had been pushing for a vote this week, but dropped that after Nunn and Warner met with Bush Tuesday night.

thoroughly review the FBI report, and therefore, "I don't see how it is possible to bring the matter to a vote this week."

The Senate begins a week-long recess tomorrow, and the committee must act on the nomination before it even reaches the full Senate. Both McCain and Exon said the committee could not vote by tomorrow.

At the White House, press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said the main new allegation "relates to Senator Tower's activities while he was in the

Senate."

"They really can't vote until this matter is checked out," he said.

Senate Republicans generally defended the nominee.

Their leader, Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, said he spoke with Tower on the telephone yesterday morning and found him "upbeat about the nomination."

"He is aware of the new allegation," said Dole, adding that Tower thinks his nomination should be confirmed and "is hanging in there."

A Republican on the committee, William Cohen of Maine, said Democrats should not allow the Tower nomination to turn into a "partisan wrangle."

Committee members had hoped to vote last week, but postponed it because of renewed allegations of heavy drinking and womanizing.

Nunn said the committee had not received the FBI report on those matters, although the White House orally briefed the panel's Republicans on them Tuesday.

Another matter also cropped up.

Two FBI agents were reviewing documents obtained by Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich.) pertaining to alleged security violations at the arms control delegation office in Geneva, Switzerland, according to a congressional source. Tower was the chief arms control negotiator in Geneva in 1985-1986.

The source said Dingell, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, contacted the FBI about the State Department documents. The agents followed up Dingell's offer yesterday.

Nunn cautioned reporters to "be very cautious" on that issue and added: "We have found nothing to corroborate any security violations by Senator Tower in Geneva."

Nunn, asked by reporters whether Tower's alcohol consumption was his chief concern, said:

"I don't want to categorize it like that. That's one of my primary concerns. The question there is whether there has been an alcohol abuse problem. If there has been a problem in the past, is there a point where it has been recognized by the nominee and dealt with effectively? That is to say, is it a continuing problem? I do not have an answer to that yet."

Tower visited the White House yesterday for a regularly scheduled breakfast with Secretary of State James A. Baker and National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft, said Fitzwater. Bush did not attend.